

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Rule 53(b) Divisional Application of:

SUGAWARA et al.

Divisional of S.N. 09/926,346 filed February 5, 2002

Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned

Filed: Herewith

Examiner: To Be Assigned

For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE AMINO ACID
DERIVATIVES**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: November 20, 2003

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: